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Just over one per cent of the 2014 provincial crop has been combined, while four per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. The five-year average (2009-2013) for this time of year is two per cent combined and five per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Harvest operations are the furthest ahead in the southwestern region where four per cent of the crop has been combined. At this time, average crop yields are being reported in most areas.

One year ago
Less than one per cent of the 2013 crop had been combined while four per cent was swathed or ready to be straight combined.

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Provincially, 19 per cent of the fall rye, nine per cent of the field peas, eight per cent of the winter wheat and three per cent of the lentils are combined. Seven per cent of the canola and four per cent of the mustard are swathed. Recent warm weather has encouraged crop development; however, frequent rain showers and heavy morning dew are delaying crop maturation and harvest operations for many producers.

Harvest Progress in SK Per cent Combined	
All Crops	
Aug 21/14	1
5 year avg. (2009-2013)	2
Aug 19/13	< 1
Aug 13/12	4
Aug 15/11	3
Aug 16/10	1
Aug 17/09	3
10 year avg. (2004-2013)	3

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to several inches in some southeastern and west-central areas. Across the province, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as seven per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate, 10 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Heavy rain, strong winds and hail caused the majority of crop damage this week. Grasshoppers, wheat midge, fusarium head blight and sclerotinia are also causing some damage.

Farmers are busy desiccating, swathing, combining and finishing up haying operations.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Reminder

The deadline to select winterkill coverage for fall rye and winter wheat is August 25.

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Provincial Estimated Crop Yields - August 21, 2014								
	Winter wheat	**Fall rye**	**HRSW**	**Other wheat***	**Durum**	**Oat**	**Barley**	**Canaryseed**
Southeast	43	35	40	49	41	58	58	1,250
Southwest	38	36	36	30	37	52	55	1,121
East Central	41	34	36	43	34	71	53	1,750
West Central	50	32	41	50	41	73	63	1,294
Northeast	N/A	N/A	39	51	43	84	63	1,207
Northwest	40	40	44	68	N/A	87	67	1,500
Provincial	**41**	**35**	**39**	**49**	**38**	**76**	**60**	**1,278**
	Flax	**Canola**	**Mustard**	**Soybean**	**Pea**	**Lentil**	**Chickpea**	
Southeast	24	32	1,091	14	30	1,138	1,250	
Southwest	24	28	987	15	34	1,509	1,121	
East Central	23	27	1,094	14	28	1,286	1,750	
West Central	28	34	1,267	17	36	1,245	1,294	
Northeast	22	28	900	18	29	953	1,207	
Northwest	25	36	N/A	N/A	40	900	1,500	
Provincial	**24**	**30**	**1,093**	**14**	**34**	**1,363**	**1,278**	

* 'Other wheat' includes all wheat classes other than Hard Red Spring Wheat

** Crop yield predictions at this point in time. Please keep in mind these are regional averages, and yields can vary greatly across an area.

*** Canaryseed, mustard, soybean, lentil and chickpea in lbs/ac. All other crops in bu/ac.

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Harvest is underway for many producers in the southeast. Eight per cent of the 2014 crop is swathed or ready for straight–cutting, while less than one per cent has been combined. Seventeen per cent of the winter wheat, five per cent of the lentils, four per cent of the field peas and two per cent of the fall rye have been combined, while 19 per cent of the canola has been swathed. Crops are at least a week behind normal development for this time of year and will need warm and dry weather to advance. Although most crop reporters are estimating average yields at this time, some producers are reporting well-below-average yields and poor quality crops due to excess moisture and root rot.

The Stoughton area received the greatest amount of rainfall for the week (82 mm) while the Moosomin area continues to lead both the region and the province with 675 mm of rain since April 1. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 11 per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate and 15 per cent short. CDs 1A and 2A are reporting that 20 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively, of cropland acres have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Localized flooding, strong winds and hail have caused many crops to lodge. Grasshoppers and wheat midge have also caused some damage, although the majority is localized. Sclerotinia, rust and fusarium head blight levels are higher than normal in some areas.

Farmers are busy finishing up haying, hauling bales and starting harvest operations.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

The southwestern region is the furthest advanced in the province with four per cent of the 2014 crop combined and an additional seven per cent swathed or ready for straight-cutting. Twenty-seven per cent of the fall rye, 22 per cent of the field peas, five per cent of the lentils and winter wheat and one per cent of the canola have been combined. Twenty per cent of the canola and five per cent of the mustard have been swathed. Many crops in the region are behind normal development and will need warm and dry weather to continue maturation. Although most crop reporters are estimating average yields at this time, some producers are reporting below-average yields for those crops that either had too much or not enough moisture this season.

Rainfall in the region varied from trace amounts to 37 mm in the Gravelbourg area, although there are reports of higher amounts in other areas. The Cadillac area has received the greatest amount of cumulative rainfall since April 1 (451 mm). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 87 per cent adequate and 12 per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and 23 per cent short. CD 4A is reporting that 25 per cent of cropland and 33 per cent of hay land and pasture are short topsoil moisture at this time.
Strong winds, hail and heavy rain have lodged many crops in the area. Grasshoppers continue to cause issues in some areas, although damage is mainly localized. Sclerotinia, leaf spot diseases and fusarium head blight are also causing damage in many crops. Crop reporters have indicated that some crops that are normally straight-cut may be swathed to prevent shattering if the weather does not improve.

Farmers are busy combining, swathing, desiccating and hauling grain and bales.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Harvest operations are slowly getting underway in the region. Warm weather has helped to advance crop development but many are still at least a week or two behind normal development. Thirty-nine per cent of the fall rye, four per cent of the winter wheat, two per cent of the field peas and one per cent of both the canola and mustard have been swathed. Crops in areas that received heavy rain and damaging hail are being swathed as greenfeed. Some fields that flooded earlier this season may not yield as well as hoped, although many crop reporters are estimating that yields will likely be average overall.

Rose Valley recorded the greatest amount of rainfall for the week (41 mm), while the Foam Lake area leads the region with the most cumulative rainfall since April 1 (586 mm). Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as eight per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate, five per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate, seven per cent short and one per cent very short.

As in most of the province, heavy rain and strong winds have lodged many crops in the region. Some producers are spraying for aphids in canary seed. Fusarium head blight, sclerotinia and rust are prevalent in many fields.

Farmers are busy finishing haying operations, hauling bales and starting harvest.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Harvest is just starting in the region with producers beginning to desiccate pulses and swath canola. One per cent of the barley has been combined and five per cent of the canola has been swathed. Three per cent of the field peas and two per cent of the lentils are ready for straight-cutting. Overall, the majority of crops are behind normal development but they are quickly advancing thanks to recent warm weather. At this time, yields are estimated to be average, although there are some reports of high disease levels in pulses that will likely decrease yield and quality.

Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 50 mm in the Kindersley area. Since April 1, the Major area has received the region's greatest amount of cumulative rainfall at 396 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 11 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 13 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as nine per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate, 17 per cent short and one per cent very short. CD 6B is reporting that three per cent of cropland acres and

seven per cent of hay land and pasture acres are very short of topsoil moisture at this time.

The majority of damage this week was caused by localized flooding, strong winds and hail. In some areas, drought-like field conditions and grasshoppers have caused damage as well. Some producers are reporting high levels of sclerotinia in canola.

Farmers are busy starting harvest operations and hauling bales.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Desiccation and swathing are underway for some producers in the northeast. Warm weather has helped advance crops but more will be needed for them to catch up to normal developmental stages for this time of year. Crop reporters are indicating that most producers will be in the field in the next week or so. At this time, yields are estimated to be average; however, areas that were flooded this season may not yield as well as hoped.

The Lake Lenore area has received the greatest amount of weekly (32 mm) and cumulative (405 mm) rainfall for the region. There were reports of sporadic heavy downpours in some areas that lodged crops. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 77 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Many fields have higher-than-normal levels of fusarium head blight that will decrease yield and quality. There are also reports of wheat midge damage in some wheat fields.

Farmers are hauling bales and beginning harvest operations.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

General harvest operations will soon be underway in the northwest. Desiccation of pulses and swathing of canola have just begun in some areas thanks to recent warm weather. Haying continues for many producers, although high humidity is preventing swath from drying properly. At this time, crop yields are estimated to be about average, but high disease levels in crops such as pulses may be of concern.

Rainfall in the region ranged from small amounts to 38 mm in the Neilburg area. Since April 1, the North Battleford area has received 483 mm of cumulative rainfall. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 11 per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and

five per cent short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as eight per cent surplus, 87 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Very little crop damage was reported this week, although grasshoppers and lygus bugs are causing some issues. There are also reports of damage from sclerotinia and wheat midge.

Farmers are busy finishing haying, hauling bales and getting ready for harvest.

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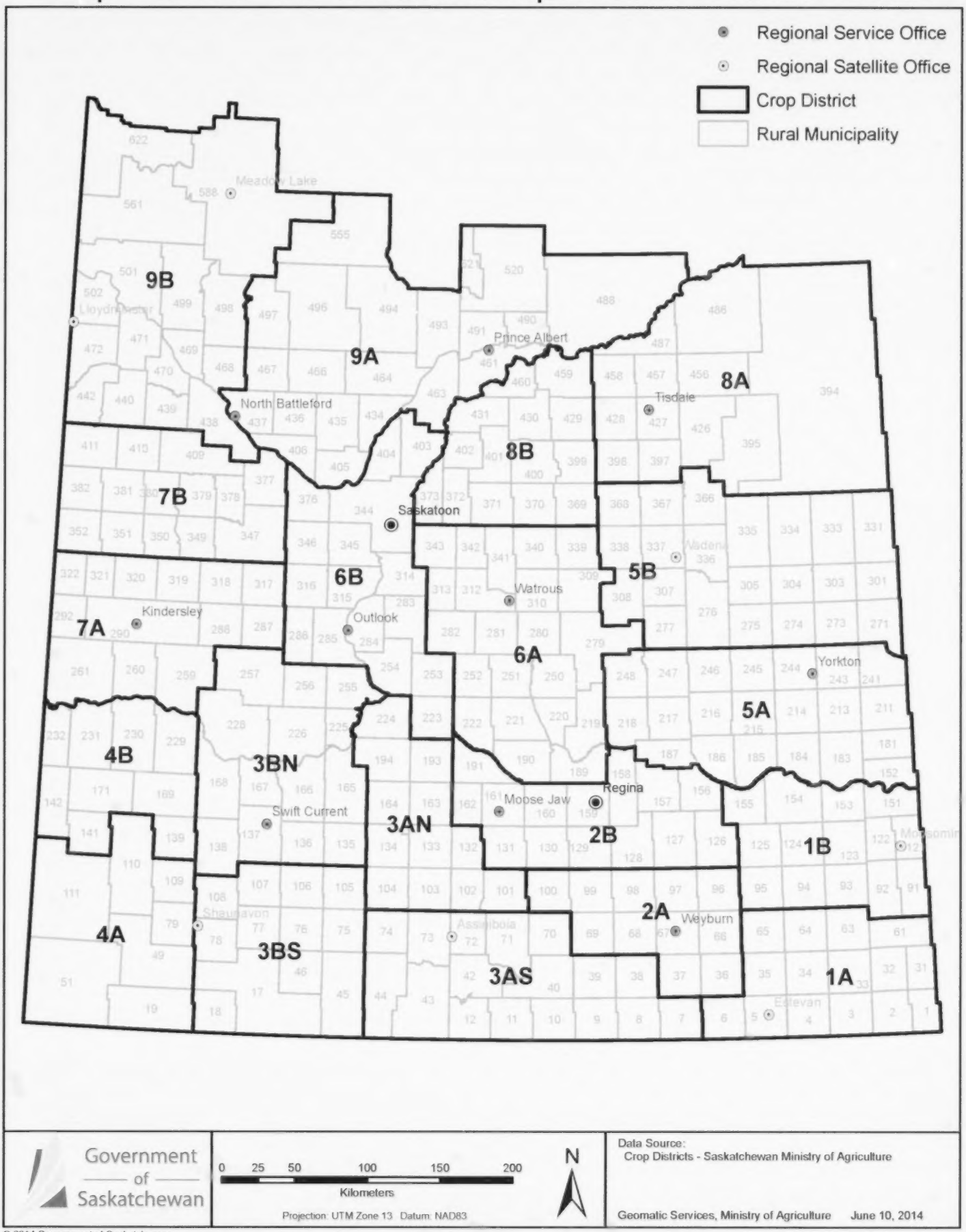

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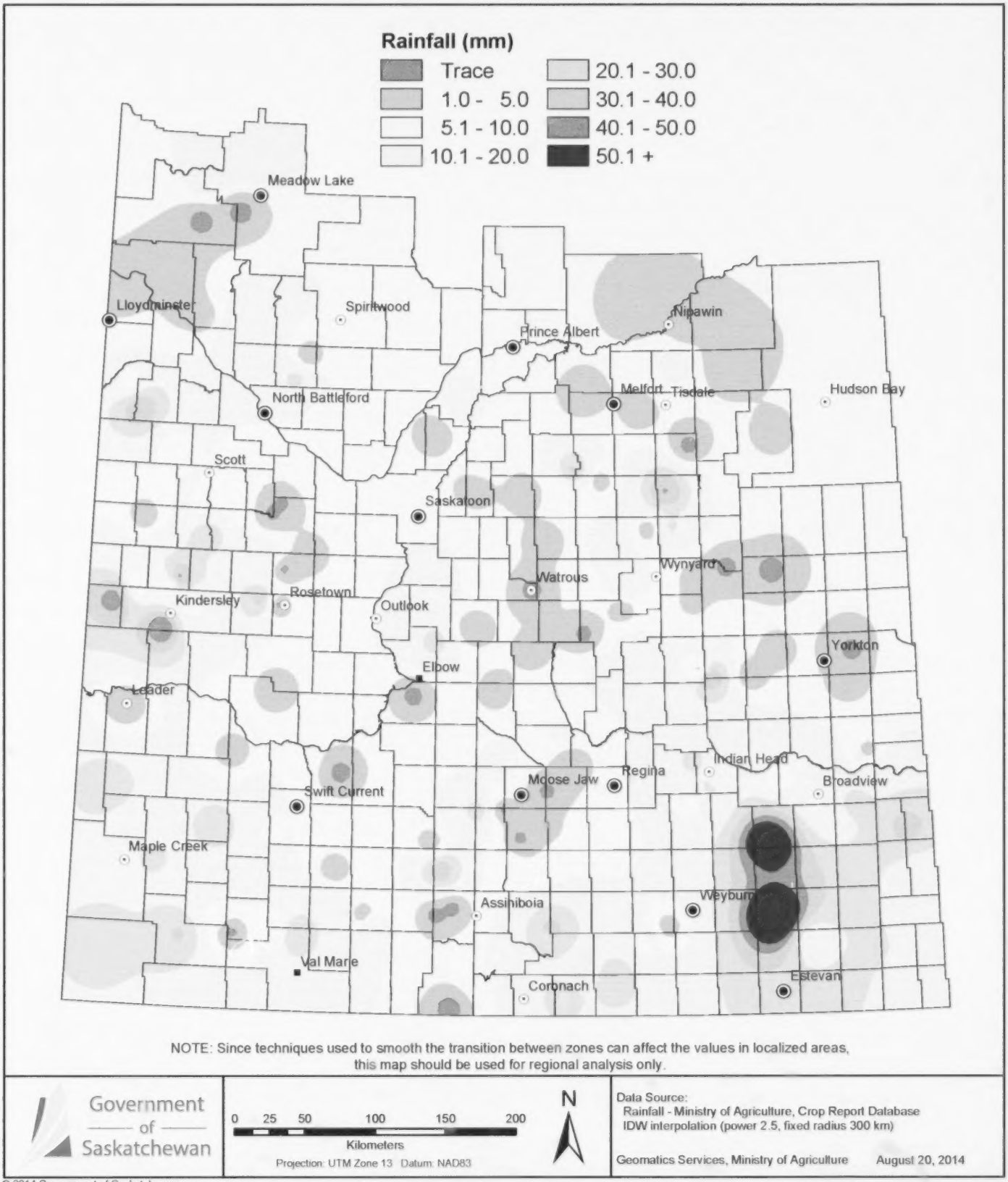
Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending August 18, 2014



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period August 12 to 18, 2014

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	17	265
	3	Enniskillen	23	233
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	265
	34	Browning	12	293
	61	Antler	N/A	459
	63	Moose Mountain	N/A	397
	64	Brock	N/A	277
	65	Tecumseh	82	467
1B	91	Maryfield	10	479
	122	Martin	33	675
	123	Silverwood	22	380
	124	Kingsley	16	367
	125 A	Chester	70	435
	125 B	Chester	60	447
	151 A	Rocanville	19	459
	151 B	Rocanville	N/A	534
	154	Elcapo	8	415
	155 A	Wolseley	7	359
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	378
	67	Weyburn	N/A	262
2A	68	Brokenshell	2	246
	97	Wellington	12	262.5
2B	127 A	Francis	10.5	397.5
	127 B	Francis	5	299.1
	129	Bratt's Lake	5	273.5
	131 A	Baildon	4	378
	131 B	Baildon	0.1	447.2
	156 A	Indian Head	12	427.5
	156 B	Indian Head	23	475.5
	157	South Qu'Appelle	22	454
	160 A	Pense	NIL	356
	160 B	Pense	N/A	75
	161	Moose Jaw	N/A	401
	162	Caron	10	392
	191	Marquis	13	413
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	14	355.9
	38 B	Laurier	5	311
	39 A	The Gap	28	272
	39 B	The Gap	18	316
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	22	286
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	304
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	224
	40 B	Bengough	15	324
	42	Willow Bunch	10	272
	43	Old Post	NIL	297
	70	Key West	32	157.6
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	284.8
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	342
	74	Wood River	N/A	200.5
3AN	101	Terrell	5	296
	102	Lake Johnston	8.9	271.1
	103	Sutton	37	285
	132 A	Hillsborough	25	290
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	341
	134	Shamrock	2	233
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	341
	193 B	Eyebrow	5	357
	224	Maple Bush	NIL	318
3BS	17	Val Marie	30	451
	75 A	Pinto Creek	2	279
	75 B	Pinto Creek	14	234
	76	Auvergne	20	263
	77	Wise Creek	5	343
	78	Grassy Creek	NIL	317
	105	Glenbain	8	236
	106	Whiska Creek	2	358
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	189
	108	Bone Creek	13	293
3BN	137	Swift Current	N/A	41.6
	138 A	Webb	13	289.5
	138 B	Webb	7.5	313.5
	166	Excelsior	NIL	264
	167	Sask. Landing	7.6	267.9
	168 A	Riverside	11	261
	168 B	Riverside	2.3	239.2
	226	Victory	N/A	252
	228	Lacadena	6	238.5
	257	Monet	1	189.6

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	31	215
	51	Reno	23.9	187.7
	79	Arlington	7	323
	109 A	Carmichael	N/A	260
	109 B	Carmichael	16	179
	110	Piapot	22	195
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	117
4B	139	Gull Lake	28	278
	141	Big Stick	10	183
	142	Enterprise	26	234
	169	Pittville	N/A	162
	231	Happyland	1	221
5A	183 A	Fertile Belt	N/A	362
	183 B	Fertile Belt	4	398
	186	Abernethy	14	445
	211	Churchbridge	7	360
	213	Saltcoats	2	438
	216	Tullymet	N/A	309.5
	241	Calder	9	349
	243	Wallace	NIL	379
	244	Orkney	5	439
	245 A	Garry	3	452
	245 B	Garry	1	467
	245 C	Garry	N/A	466
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	39	452
	247	Kellross	4	386
	248	Touchwood	14	333
5B	271	Colte	N/A	383
	273	Sliding Hills	N/A	572
	277	Emerald	4	586
	305	Invermay	NIL	431
	307	Elfros	2	412
	308 A	Big Quill	16	329
	308 B	Big Quill	2	288
	331	Livingston	5	360
	334	Preeceville	N/A	112
	336	Sasman	NIL	330
	337	Lakeview	21	345
	338	Lakeside	2	396
	366	Kelvington	9	362
	367	Ponass Lake	41	400
6A	190 A	Dufferin	12	539
	190 B	Dufferin	10	449
	190 C	Dufferin	2	395
	190 D	Dufferin	1	222.5
	219	Longlaketon	14	352
	220	Mckillop	8	485
	221	Sarnia	6.4	419.1
	222	Craik	2	372
	251	Big Arm	3	429
	252	Arm River	N/A	394
	279	Mount Hope	NIL	377
	282	McCraney	1	375
	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	450
	310	Usborne	N/A	166.5
	312	Morris	NIL	127
	313	Lost River	7	381
	339	Leroy	14.6	433.3
	340	Wolverine	2	348
	341	Viscount	N/A	287
	343 A	Blucher	N/A	307.9
	343 B	Blucher	10	210
6B	254	Lorebum	23	288
	284	Rudy	19	346
	285	Fertile Valley	6	252
	286	Milden	7	292
	314	Dundurn	17	301
	344	Corman Park	N/A	343
	346	Perdue	N/A	325
	376	Eagle Creek	10	372
	403	Rosthern	2	307

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	259	Snipe Lake	N/A	20
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	353
	288	Pleasant Valley	33	336
	290 A	Kindersley	10	223
	290 B	Kindersley	5	181.4
	290 C	Kindersley	50	262.2
	292	Milton	45	330
	317 A	Marriott	NIL	165
	317 B	Marriott	2	312
	318	Mountain View	16	372
	320 A	Oakdale	42	315.1
	320 B	Oakdale	4	345
	321	Prairiedale	5	317
7B	347	Biggar	NIL	340
	350 A	Mariposa	8	268.6
	350 B	Mariposa	27	394
	351	Progress	2	330
	352	Heart's Hill	12	396
	377	Glenside	8	372
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	285
	378 B	Rosemount	5	322
	379	Reford	8	372
	381	Grass Lake	9	344
	382	Eye Hill	5	332.8
	409	Buffalo	N/A	297
	410	Round Valley	8	346.9
8A	395	Porcupine	4	280
	397	Barrier Valley	NIL	327.1
	428	Star City	3	399
	456	Arborfield	1	381
	457	Connaught	12	315
	486	Moose Range	N/A	289
	487	Nipawin	3	232
8B	369	St. Peter	3	333
	370 A	Humboldt	6	387
	370 B	Humboldt	6	371
	371	Bayne	1	375
	372	Grant	2.3	361.3
	400	Three Lakes	32	405
	402	Fish Creek	8	356
	429	Flett's Springs	2	325
	459	Kinistino	N/A	372
	460	Birch Hills	5.3	315.5
9AE	488	Torch River	2	326
	491	Buckland	N/A	413
9AW	406	Mayfield	6	325
	435	Redberry	N/A	421
	436	Douglas	8	384
	463	Duck Lake	13	396.9
	467 A	Round Hill	22	483
9B	467 B	Round Hill	2	298
	438	Battle River	10	298
	440	Hillsdale	38	369
	442	Manitou Lake	8.4	267.8
	498 A	Parkdale	20	352.5
	498 B	Parkdale	19	264
	499	Mervin	3	234
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	1	343
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	285
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	5	355
	502	Britannia	2	272
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	350
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	346
	588 B	Meadow Lake	13	399
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	392
	588 D	Meadow Lake	20	389.2
	622	Beaver River	N/A	289.7

Municipality No: A, B, C and D - more than one reporter

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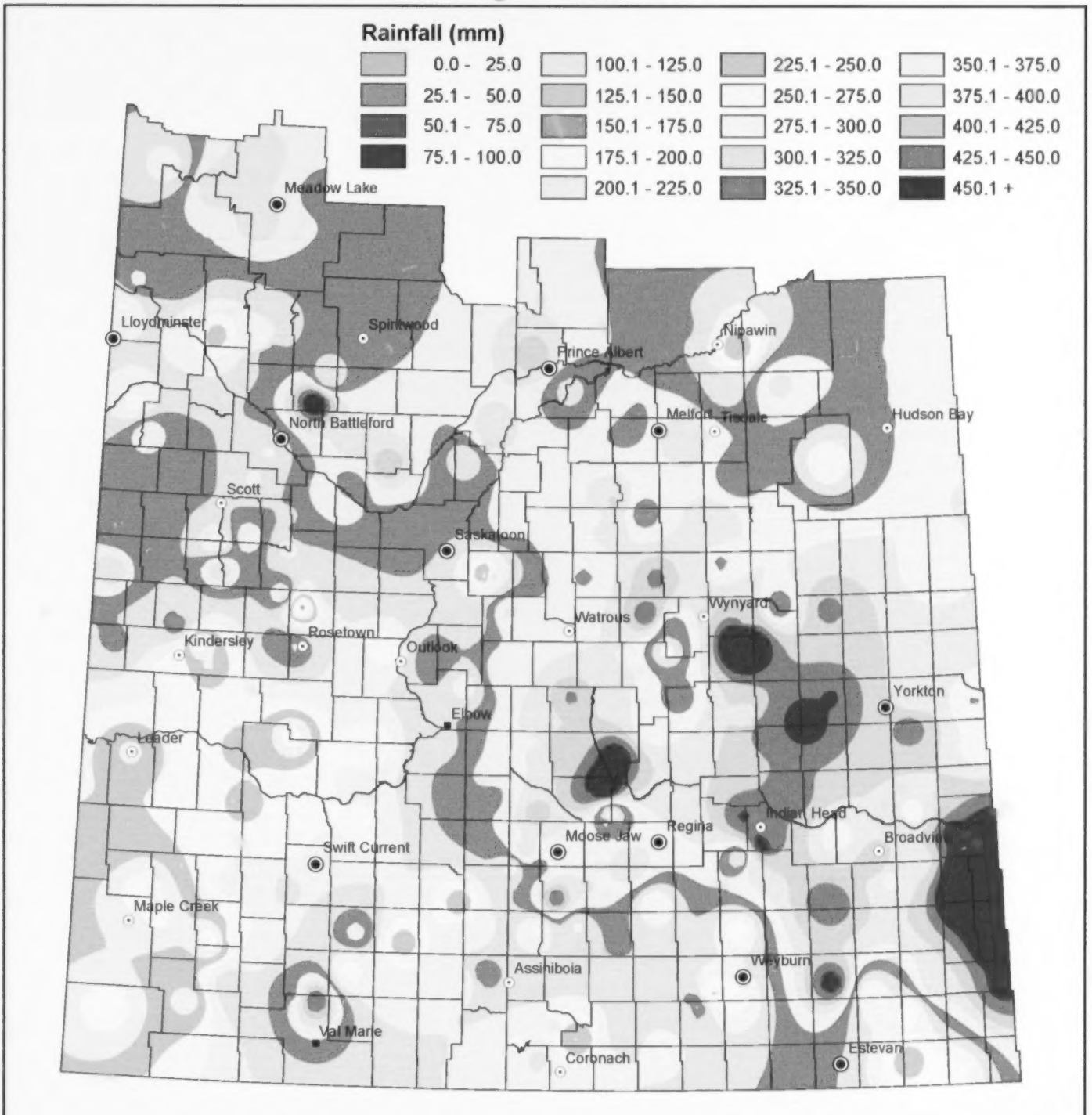
To: August 18, 2014



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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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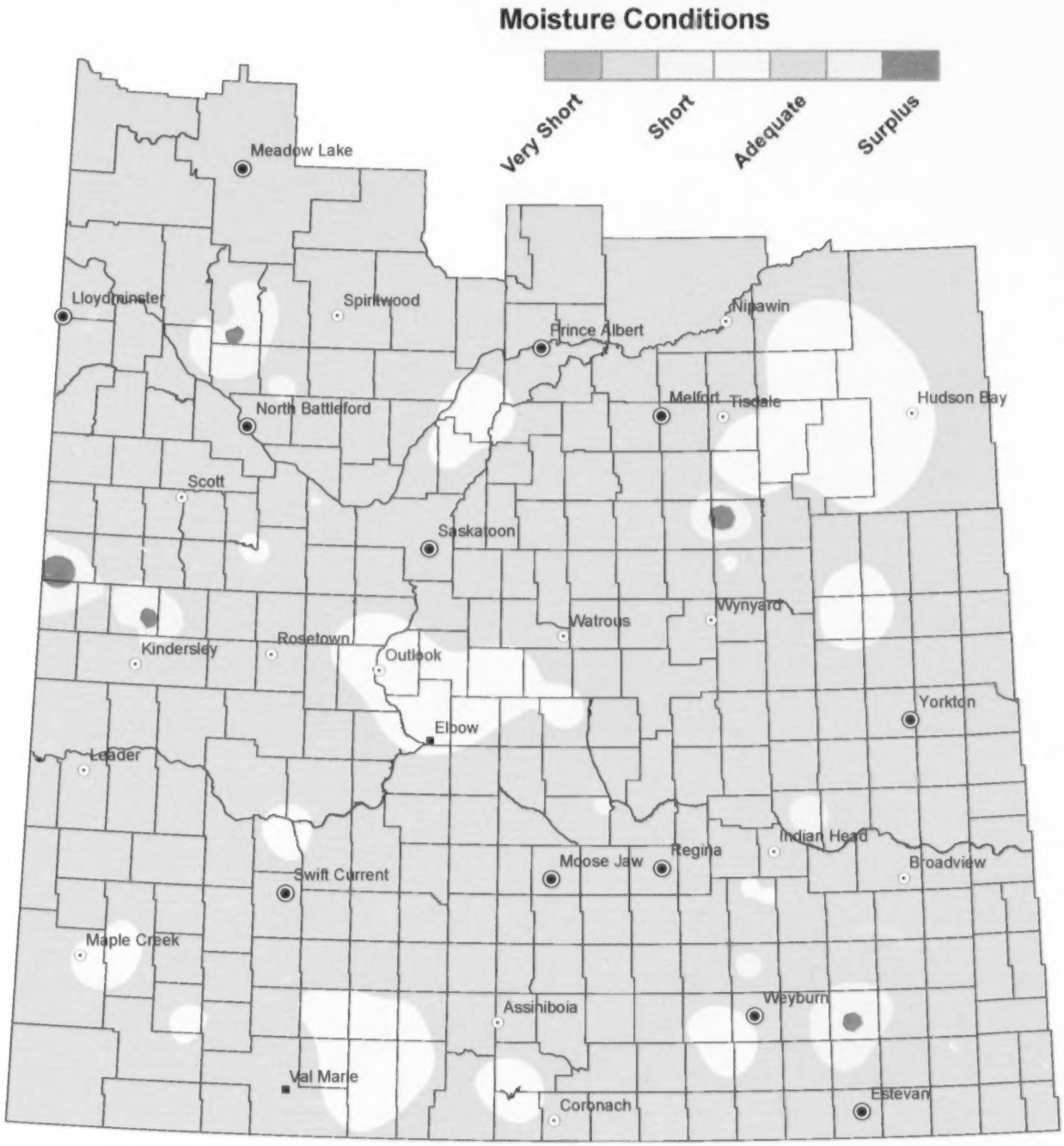

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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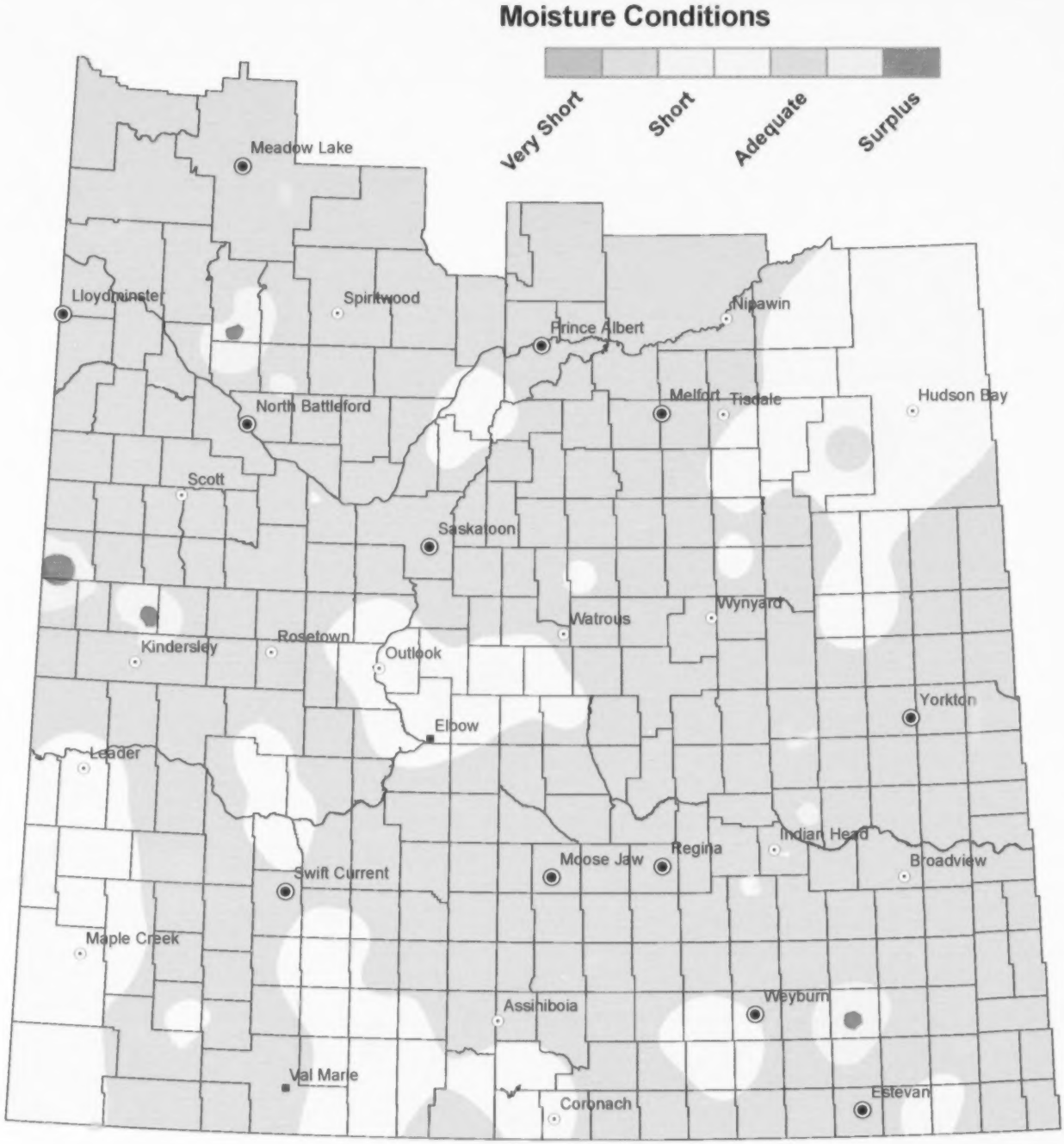

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